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**RESPONSE A**

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Attachment: Transmittal Letter (1 page);  
Amendment A (7 pages).

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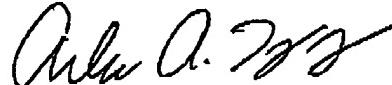
Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment A (7 pages).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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